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Section 20
Economic development in Europe

(Programme 16 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005)

Overview

20.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

20.2 The programme of work to be carried out by the Commission in the biennium 2004-2005 is in conformity with the overall objectives of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. In line with the role of the regional commissions as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, as well as with the goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the World Summit on Sustainable Development Plan of Implementation and the Monterrey Consensus, the main objectives of ECE will be: (a) to foster sustainable development in the countries of the region, with a focus on promoting the conditions for sustained growth and trade, improving the environment and increasing the security of the people; and (b) to promote the economic integration of ECE countries in the context of post-European Union enlargement and taking into account the various stages of development of ECE transition economies (acceding countries, emerging market economies and less advanced transition economies).

20.3 The overall ECE programme of work is designed around nine interdependent and complementary subprogrammes: Environment, Transport, Statistics, Economic analysis, Sustainable energy, Trade development, Timber, Human settlements and Industrial restructuring and enterprise development. Its implementation is achieved through studies and policy analysis and supporting statistics; the negotiation of conventions, norms and guidelines; the organization of policy debates and exchange of experiences; and the provision of technical assistance.

20.4 In the biennium 2004-2005, the analytical work of ECE will aim at producing analyses that are more policy and issue-oriented, so as to offer a good basis for policy debates among member States. In this context, it will be reoriented in two directions, namely to analyse the progress made in achieving sustainable development, the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals relevant to the region, including ageing and the gender perspective; and to analyse the changing economic context of the ECE region, viz. European Union enlargement and the evolving economic cooperation between the European Union and non-acceding countries, as well as cooperation among the latter. This will be reflected in particular in the introduction of workshops on the implications of European Union enlargement and in a new recurrent publication on sustainable development.

20.5 These analyses will be supported by statistics on countries of the region. A new area of activities will consist of selecting and gathering data for indicators relating to internationally agreed development goals. This will focus on the indicators for the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development, as well as for ageing and the gender dimension, which are the most relevant for the region. It will lead to regional monitoring of the achievement by ECE countries of the key objectives set and commitments made at the major global United Nations conferences. Furthermore, work in this area will strengthen the coordination of statistical work in the region and will make available its experience and coordinating approach to other regions and at the global level.

20.6 The work in developing conventions, norms and standards will be mainly carried out in three subprogrammes, namely Transport, Environment and Trade development. Its focus will be to

promote the ratification of these instruments throughout the region and their effective implementation in countries with economies in transition in order to improve their integration both in the region and with the rest of the world. A new impulse will be given to globalizing some of these agreements and standards, in particular in the areas of transport, trade facilitation and environmental decision-making. ECE will also focus on the development of interlinkages, both among conventions in a given sector and between conventions relating to complementary sectors.

20.7 Policy debates and exchange of experiences will be strengthened in all subprogrammes. A major objective will be to foster policy dialogue among North America and the European Union, the acceding countries, the other emerging economies and the less developed countries of the region, in the context of post-enlargement Europe. A series of seminars on the consequences of European Union enlargement for non-European Union countries are therefore planned in the Sustainable energy, Trade development, Transport and Environment subprogrammes. Furthermore, new activities corresponding to issues emerging from recent global conferences will be undertaken, such as the promotion of renewable energy (Sustainable energy subprogramme), corporate governance and promotion of the e-economy (Industrial restructuring and enterprise development subprogramme) and social housing (Human settlements subprogramme).

20.8 Post-European Union enlargement technical assistance will be streamlined and focused on South-east Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (in particular Central Asia). A unifying strategy to identify the needs of these countries and to determine activities responding thereto will be adopted with a two-fold objective of (a) increasing the chances of the least advanced countries of benefiting from the expected further deepening economic integration of Europe; and (b) avoiding new economic disparities and divisions within the region. Technical assistance will be demand-driven, results-oriented, evaluated and, where appropriate, carried out in cooperation with other organizations. It will be provided for both individual countries and groups of countries. An improved mechanism for prioritizing technical assistance will be put in place for the new biennium.

20.9 New emphasis will be placed on cross-sectoral issues and intersectoral linkages. In line with the role assigned to the regional commissions at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, a systematic effort will be made to mainstream the three dimensions of sustainable development into the ECE subprogrammes. In addition to this core approach, the annual organization of a sustainable development event that would address specific issues calling for joint consideration of economic, social and environmental aspects, and that would provide the opportunity for a region-wide debate among policy makers and other actors from the three constituencies, is envisaged. Apart from sustainable development, gender and information and communications technologies are two other cross-sectoral concerns that will be further mainstreamed in the various ECE subprogrammes. As for intersectoral linkages, the focus will be placed on transport, environment and health; energy and environment; transport and energy; transport and trade; and trade and environment.

20.10 ECE will cooperate with other international organizations active in Europe, in particular regional institutions and subregional groupings. This cooperation will provide a broader framework for exchanging views among organizations on issues of particular concern to the countries of the region and ensure consistency in technical assistance from different organizations. Cooperation among the United Nations organizations active in the ECE region will be strengthened mainly through the regional coordination meetings convened by ECE and by gathering the Heads of the European offices of these organizations. Such meetings will aim at achieving a common understanding of the development needs in the region, agreeing on the corresponding priorities of work, improving the division of labour and considering undertaking joint programmes and activities. Cooperation between the regional and global levels will also be strengthened by ensuring the provision of regional perspectives to issues addressed by global bodies. This will

apply particularly to the area of sustainable development where ECE activities will be closely coordinated with the corresponding activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

20.11 ECE partnerships with the business community and non-governmental organizations will be further strengthened and extended, particularly in the preparation of regional strategies, plans and programmes, the implementation of norms and standards and other technical assistance activities, all of which contributes to the achievement of the overall objectives of ECE.

20.12 In order to introduce changes into the ECE programme of work along the directions mentioned above, a number of activities have been streamlined. This is reflected mainly in the fact that the proposed number of meetings has been cut by 20 per cent, compared to the biennium 2002-2003. Across different subprogrammes, ECE will make more use of small informal expert groups and task forces to prepare the technical inputs and draft decisions for formal intergovernmental bodies, thus allowing the number of formal meeting sessions to decrease. Furthermore, in the area of environment, after the successful conclusion of a cycle of negotiations of a number of protocols to environmental conventions in 2003, the need to hold meetings for the development of new environmental instruments will be reduced. With regard to publications, their number will substantially decrease in the new biennium. Following an internal review, a number of recurrent publications have been dropped and others converted to non-recurrent publications. The reduction, reflected in table 20.1 below, is also owing to a decision to increase the dissemination of information to the public through electronic means both for recurrent and non-recurrent publications.

Table 20.1 **Summary of publications**

Publications	*2000-2001 actual*	*2002-2003 estimate*	*2004-2005 estimate*
Recurrent	72	130	75
Non-recurrent	106	154	79
Total	**178**	**284**	**154**

20.13 In addition, a number of initiatives within the ECE secretariat will be developed, such as: (a) improved consultations among member States for regular adjustments of ECE activities to new needs and emerging issues, through better linkages between the Commission, its principal subsidiary bodies, the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work and the Steering Group; (b) regular reviews of the ECE intergovernmental structure, covering the formal subsidiary bodies, as well as the issue-specific and time-bound expert groups established by those bodies; (c) similar reviews of meetings and reports by the concerned bodies, with a view to reducing their length and number; (d) procedures for planning and streamlining ECE publications, setting quality standards and improving their dissemination; (e) better prioritization of technical cooperation; and (f) a comprehensive set of measures for increasing information and communication technology support to ECE activities with a view to improving their cost-effectiveness and visibility.

20.14 As required under the Plan of Action adopted by ECE member countries in April 1997, all ECE principal subsidiary bodies have prioritized their respective programme of activities. The Group of Experts on the Programme of Work reviewed the programmes of work of the principal subsidiary bodies and made their recommendations, which were endorsed by the Commission in December 2002. These recommendations were taken into account in finalizing the programme budget proposal.

20.15 The programme's main expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the biennium 2004-2005 are detailed, together with required resources, under the programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management. The overall framework of these expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement is shown in table 20.2.

Table 20.2 **Framework of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement by component**

Component	*Number of expected accomplishments*	*Number of indicators of achievement*
B. Executive direction and management	5	6
C. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Environment	4	4
Subprogramme 2. Transport	5	6
Subprogramme 3. Statistics	4	8
Subprogramme 4. Economic analysis	3	4
Subprogramme 5. Sustainable energy	3	5
Subprogramme 6. Trade development	4	5
Subprogramme 7. Timber	3	3
Subprogramme 8. Human settlements	3	4
Subprogramme 9. Industrial restructuring and enterprise development	4	9
Total	**38**	**55**

20.16 Resource requirements for the biennium 2004-2005 under this section amount to $44,874,700 reflecting an increase of $1,075,900 (or 2.4 per cent). The main components of the increase could be summarized as follows:

(a) An increase of $167,800 under executive direction and management as a result of:

(i) The delayed impact of the P-5 post established in the biennium 2002-2003 ($136,300);

(ii) Increased requirements for consultants and experts ($5,200) in order to meet the growing demand on ECE to organize global conferences and events, and travel ($35,000) in order to enable the Office of the Executive Secretary to carry out more effectively its functions and to meet the continually increasing demands to participate in global, regional and subregional events, particularly in countries with economies in transition;

(iii) A reduced requirement for contractual services ($8,700);

(b) An increase of $570,600 under programme of work as a result of:

(i) An increase of $607,600, under posts, reflecting the establishment of a new P-4 post under the subprogramme on transport, in order to provide the secretariat and expert support to meetings of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and to maintain and update the Compendium of Candidate Regulations for Harmonization and Registry for Global Regulations; the establishment of a new P-3 post in the new subprogramme 9, Industrial restructuring and enterprise development; the reclassification from the P-3 to the P-4 level of one post dealing with agricultural standards in subprogramme 6, Trade development, and of one post in subprogramme 8, Human settlements for the Secretary of the Committee on Human Settlements, and servicing the Working Party on Land Administration; and the delayed impact of the two P-2 posts established in the biennium 2002-2003 under subprogramme 3, Statistics, and the P-4 post under subprogramme 2, Transport;

(ii) An increase of $22,400, under travel of staff, in order to meet the increased demand for participation in meetings in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asian member countries, and in order to provide sufficient resources to the newly established subprogramme 9, the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) A decrease of $38,500 under other staff costs and contractual services, due to the redeployment to programme support of general temporary assistance ($16,700) under subprogramme 2, Transport, and to the reduced requirement for external printing under various subprogrammes ($21,800), as the Commission expects to make greater use of the printing facilities of the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iv) A decrease of $10,500, under consultants and experts, which is the net result of minor increases and decreases under various subprogrammes;

(v) A decrease of $10,400, under supplies and materials, owing to the redeployment to programme support of the provision for subscriptions through the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Consortium that are shared with other subprogrammes and centrally managed by the Executive Office;

(c) An increase of $337,500 under programme support, largely for information and communication technology-related items, is the net result of:

(i) An increase of $149,200, under posts, reflecting the establishment of a new General Service (Other level) post in lieu of outsourced services for a help desk assistant for the whole Commission previously provided by the International Computing Centre and funded under "grants and contributions"; and the reclassification from the P-3 to the P-4 level of a post in the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities of the ECE secretariat, as the responsibilities of the Unit have been extended;

(ii) An increase of $16,500, under other staff costs, as resources are being redeployed from subprogramme 2, Transport, in order to centralize the requirements for general temporary assistance for the entire Commission;

(iii) An increase of $5,200, under consultants to provide specialized expertise on regional or subregional cross-sectional issues in the Technical Cooperation and Management Unit;

(iv) An increase of $36,400, under supplies and materials, representing the redeployment of resources from subprogramme 4 for database subscriptions, as well as additional resources requested to meet increased charges from the United Nations Office at Geneva, which changed its practice from charging for only non-stock items to charging ECE fully for supplies;

(v) An increase of $314,200, under furniture and equipment, is required for acquisition replacement for electronic data-processing equipment. The increase is requested to replace approximately 75 per cent of the personal computers of the Commission, which will become obsolete in the biennium 2004-2005, 50 per cent of its monitors and regular replacement programmes for other office automation equipment and for acquisition and replacement costs for software;

(vi) A decrease of $2,800 under travel of staff;

(vii) A decrease of $25,100, under general operating expenses, as a result of joining an umbrella maintenance contract for office automation equipment managed by the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(viii) A decrease of $156,100, under grants and contributions due to the establishment of a new General Service (Other level) post for help desk services, which was previously budgeted under contributions to the International Computing Centre, and reduced reimbursement for services provided by the International Computing Centre.

20.17 The amount of extrabudgetary resources at $15,696,300 for the biennium 2004-2005 represents 26 per cent of the total resources available to this programme. These resources will be utilized to supplement resources from the regular budget, primarily to finance the organization of workshops, seminars and symposiums for the countries in the region, particularly in countries with economies in transition; to support the implementation of the conventions on the environment adopted within the framework of ECE; to support cooperative agreements signed by various ECE member States on transport; and to share best practices and stimulate contacts in various other areas of the programme of work.

20.18 The percentage distribution of resources under this section would be as shown in table 20.3.

Table 20.3 **Percentage distribution component**

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policy-making organ	-	-
B. Executive direction and management	7.9	0.0
C. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Environment	13.9	50.8
Subprogramme 2. Transport	15.6	17.5
Subprogramme 3. Statistics	15.4	2.9
Subprogramme 4. Economic analysis	11.8	4.9
Subprogramme 5. Sustainable energy	4.6	7.3
Subprogramme 6. Trade development	10.7	6.9
Subprogramme 7. Timber	2.9	0.4
Subprogramme 8. Human settlements	1.3	0.9
Subprogramme 9. Industrial restructuring and enterprise development	3.4	1.5
Subtotal C	**79.6**	**93.1**
D. Programme support	12.5	6.9
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 20.4 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*2000-2001 expenditure*	*2002-2003 appropri-ation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2004-2005 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Executive direction and management	3 245.3	3 360.1	167.8	4.9	3 527.9	202.7	3 730.6
Programme of work	32 391.9	35 161.0	570.6	1.6	35 731.6	1 685.9	37 417.5
Programme support: administration and common services	3 525.5	5 277.7	337.5	6.3	5 615.2	184.8	5 800.0
Total	**39 162.7**	**43 798.8**	**1 075.9**	**2.4**	**44 874.7**	**2 073.4**	**46 948.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2000-2001 expenditure	*2002-2003 estimate*	*2004-2005 estimate*
Total	**11 543.6**	**17 133.2**	**15 696.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**50 706.3**	**60 932.0**	**62 644.4**

Table 20.5 **Post requirements**

	Established regular budget posts		*Temporary posts*					
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*		*Total*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
P-5	23	23	-	-	2	2	25	25
P-4/3	65	67	-	-	1	2	66	69
P-2/1	20	20	-	-	-	1	20	21
Subtotal	**119**	**121**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**5**	**122**	**126**
General Service								
Principal level	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other level	73	74	-	-	2	4	75	78
Subtotal	**79**	**80**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**4**	**81**	**84**
Total	**198**	**201**	**-**	**-**	**5**	**9**	**203**	**210**

20.19 Unlike for other regional commissions, resources for administration and conference and general services for ECE are not included under its own programme budget. They are included in a consolidated fashion under section 27E, Administration, Geneva, in respect of administration and general services, and under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, in respect of conference-servicing costs. They are thus administered by the United Nations Office at Geneva in an integrated fashion.

20.20 In order to permit a comparison among regional commissions while, at the same time, maintaining the advantages of integrated management and avoiding duplication of effort, the estimated resources (at current rates) to be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva to ECE for administrative, conference and general services during the biennium 2004-2005 are summarized below:

Table 20.6 **Administrative, conference and general services for the biennium 2004-2005**

	United States dollars
Administration and general services	8 989 200
Conference and library services	17 862 200
Total	**26 851 400**

A. Policy-making organs

20.21 The Commission, which reports to the Economic and Social Council, provides the work of the secretariat with overall direction. It meets annually for three or four working days, supplemented by ad hoc informal half-day sessions every three months. It has seven principal subsidiary bodies: the Committee on Environmental Policy (subprogramme 1, Environment); the Inland Transport Committee (subprogramme 2, Transport); the Conference of European Statisticians (subprogramme 3, Statistics); the Committee on Sustainable Energy (subprogramme 5, Sustainable energy); the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (subprogramme 6, Trade development and subprogramme 9, Industrial restructuring and enterprise development); the Timber Committee (subprogramme 7, Timber); and the Committee on Human Settlements (subprogramme 8, Human settlements). These bodies meet from two to three days annually to provide guidance to ECE on work relating to their respective sectors.

20.22 The Group of Experts on the Programme of Work meets every two years in the third quarter of the year prior to the preparation of the programme budget submission to provide the Commission with recommendations on possible adjustments and shifts in the ECE programme of work. In the course of the biennium, it also meets to take up specific issues as requested by the Commission and to review various aspects of the ECE programme of work.

20.23 The Steering Group, established in 2001 and consisting of the ECE Bureau, chairpersons of all the principal subsidiary bodies, the Executive Secretary and the ECE directors, meets at least once a year during the annual session of the Commission. It provides views and advice on priorities and strategic directions of ECE work, especially on cross-sectoral and intersectoral issues.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,527,900

20.24 In order to fulfil its responsibilities in terms of executive direction and overall management of ECE, functions of the Office of the Executive Secretary include: feeding the policy debate on the strategic directions of ECE and developing a forward-looking strategy for adjusting ECE activities to respond to emerging and foreseeable needs and priorities of its member States; coordinating the ECE programme of work and prepare the medium-term plan and the programme budget; and providing guidance and leadership for the implementation of all ECE subprogrammes; ensuring efficient and inclusive processes for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the subprogrammes in accordance with the objectives of the medium-term plan and the programme budget; developing intersectoral activities among ECE subprogrammes and further incorporating cross-sectoral concerns in ECE activities; providing the governing bodies of ECE with support: servicing meetings of the Commission and its Bureau, including submission of reports to the Commission; providing an interface between the Bureau of the Commission and the bureaux of the principal subsidiary bodies; and ensuring follow-up to decisions of the Commission; providing support to the

Group of Experts on the Programme of Work and the Steering Group; ensuring the implementation of the directives of the Secretary-General; ensuring and reporting on the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of ECE; organizing regional events and/or providing regional contributions related to the preparation of and follow-up to United Nations global conferences and events, in accordance with the ECE role as a regional outpost of the United Nations, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46; cooperating and coordinating with other international organizations and institutions active in the region, both within and external to the United Nations; this includes the United Nations inter-agency coordination meetings and their follow-up; involving the business community, academic institutions, local authorities and non-governmental organizations in ECE activities, as appropriate, and obtaining their support for implementation of those activities; fostering relationships with member Governments, with a view to making ECE activities and achievements more widely known and used; fostering gender mainstreaming in ECE subprogrammes and responding to requests from Headquarters in this area, including contributing to activities at the global level where a regional perspective and input are needed; providing guidance and directions for the work of the secretariat: adjustment to new demands, increased transparency, improved interdivisional cooperation, improved process for budget preparation and human resource management greater consistency in applying the Performance Appraisal System (PAS), issuance of guidelines and directives for the substantive divisions of the secretariat; and clearance of the documentation prepared for the principal subsidiary bodies of ECE.

20.25 The Office of the Executive Secretary includes an Information Unit which comprises one P-4 post and one General Service (Other level) post and, inter alia, works to increase the visibility of ECE through the dissemination of information about the products and activities of the Commission to the public at large, the ECE membership and other potential users. Such dissemination is carried out through various channels, such as contact with the media and the Internet.

Table 20.7 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To ensure that ECE activities: (a) are developed in response to the needs and priorities of member States; (b) are delivered in an efficient manner; (c) promote the regional implementation of global mandates and commitments, particularly through cross-sectoral and intersectoral approaches; and (d) are well coordinated with those of other organizations active in the region.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened priority setting by the intergovernmental bodies of ECE	(a) Establishment of a new mechanism for priority setting by the Commission and its principal subsidiary bodies
(b) Increased efficiency in the implementation of the ECE programme of work	(b) Reduction in the number and length of meetings and reports

(c) Further extension of intersectoral activities and cross-sectoral approaches to issues addressed within the ECE areas of work	(c) (i) Number of intersectoral activities implemented (ii) Extent to which sustainable development, gender and information and communications technologies are incorporated into the relevant ECE areas of work
(d) Strengthened coordination of ECE with the other United Nations and non-United Nations organizations active in the region, including subregional groupings and initiatives, as well as with non-governmental organizations and the business community	(d) Number of cooperative agreements between ECE and other organizations specifying division of labour and identifying joint activities to be undertaken
(e) Increased capacity of professional staff members to undertake new activities or functions; and improved awareness of the issues impacting the overall work of ECE.	(e) Number of staff brainstorming meetings on issues (e.g. European Union enlargement, relationship with the business community) that impact on the overall work of ECE

Table 20.8 **Resource requirements**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	3 035.7	3 172.0	13	13
Non-post	324.4	355.9	-	-
Total	**3 360.1**	**3 527.9**	**13**	**13**
Extrabudgetary	137.2	-	-	-

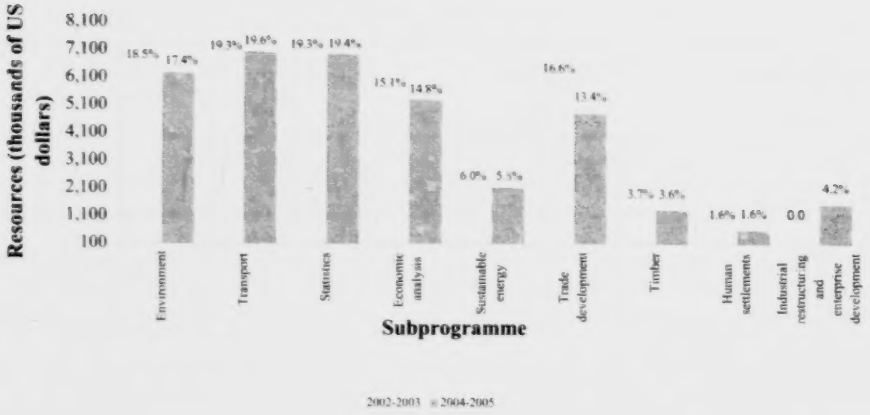
20.26 The increase in post requirements is due to the delayed impact of the P-5 post established in the biennium 2002-2003. The increase under non-post resources is the net result of an increased requirement for consultants and experts and travel, and is partially offset by a reduced requirement for contractual services.

C. Programme of work

Table 20.9 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2002-2003	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2004-2005 (before recosting)	Posts 2002-2003	Posts 2004-2005
1. Environment	6 515.6	6 228.9	30	29
2. Transport	6 786.2	7 014.0	33	34
3. Statistics	6 782.8	6 932.3	35	35
4. Economic analysis	5 296.9	5 289.0	24	24
5. Sustainable energy	2 096.7	2 086.7	9	9
6. Trade development	5 834.3	4 795.9	28	23
7. Timber	1 300.6	1 290.0	6	6
8. Human settlements	547.9	584.7	3	3
9. Industrial restructuring and enterprise development	-	1 510.1	-	7
Total	**35 161.0**	**35 731.6**	**168**	**170**
Extrabudgetary	15 264.9	14 607.1	3	5

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1
Environment

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,228,900

20.27 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Environment and Human Settlements Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 1 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To reduce environmental loads throughout the region to levels that will not cause any significant harmful effects or compromise environmental conditions for future generations.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened application of legal instruments for the protection of the environment	(a) Number of countries acceding to international environmental instruments *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 63 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 45 countries Target 2004-2005: 50 countries
(b) Improvement of environmental management in countries with economies in transition	(b) Degree of implementation of the recommendations made in the framework of the environmental performance review of countries with economies in transition *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 50 per cent during five years Estimate 2002-2003: 50 per cent during five years Target 2004-2005: 50 per cent during five years
(c) Further integration of environmental concerns in different sectors	(c) Number of intersectoral activities between the environment and other sectors within ECE and with outside partners *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 2 activities Estimate 2002-2003: 5 activities Target 2004-2005: 5 activities

(d) Integration of sustainable development as a follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in particular with regard to its environmental pillar	(d) Number of work areas where sustainable development concerns are integrated *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable Target 2004-2005: 5

External factors

20.28 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) information and statistical data are available and provided by the countries on their environmental situation, including reliable information for the preparation of environmental performance reviews of countries in transition; (b) there is the political will to ratify or accede to environmental conventions and protocols; and (c) governmental and parliamentary decisions are made to establish, implement and enforce national legislation relating to the environmental conventions and protocols.

Outputs

20.29 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: First Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (5); intergovernmental meetings on managing transboundary waters in Europe (41); Working Group on Legal and Administrative Aspects (8); Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (8); Working Group on Water Management (8); Working Group on Water and Health (8); meetings of the signatories to the Protocol on civil liability for damage caused by industrial accidents on transboundary waters (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the ECE seminar on sustainable flood prevention (1); report of the First Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (1); report of the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); report on follow-up measures by the parties to implement the recommendation of the 1999 ECE seminar on the prevention of damage caused by industrial accidents on transboundary waters (1); report on good legislative practice for cooperation on transboundary waters (1); report on good practices to prevent, control and reduce water-related diseases (1); report on integrated management of freshwaters, coastal zones and coastal waters (1); reports of the first and second meetings of the signatories to the Protocol on civil liability for damage caused by industrial accidents on transboundary waters (2); report on the state of transboundary waters in the ECE region (1);

(ii) Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports under the Convention (3);

(iii) Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session (14); Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (12); Working Group on Effects (12); Working Group on Strategies and Review (24);

b. Parliamentary documentation: joint report on effects of air pollution (2); report of the Executive Body (2); report of the Implementation Committee (2); report on ammonia (1); report on emission data (2); report on health effects (2); report on heavy metals (2); report on integrated assessment modelling (2); report on modelling of air pollutants (2); report on persistent organic pollutants (2); report on protocol review (3); report on review strategies and policies (1); reports of other subsidiary bodies under the Convention (6); report on techno-economic issues of air pollution (2); report on economic aspects of air pollution (2);

(iv) Committee on Environmental Policy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials on Environment for Europe (4); Ad Hoc Working Group on Environmental Monitoring (4); annual session (12); meeting on environmental performance review (10); annual session of the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (4); meeting of the Bureau of the Committee (6); meeting on sustainable development (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Environmental Monitoring (4); report of the Committee (2); report of the Working Group of Senior Officials (2); report on reforming energy prices for sustainable energy development (jointly with subprogramme 5, Sustainable Energy) (1); report on implementation of guidelines on compliance and enforcement (2); report on integration of environmental considerations into sectoral policies (2); report of the meeting on sustainable development (2); report of the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (1); reports requested by the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (4);

(v) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Group on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (12); meetings of the Parties to the Convention (8); Working Group on the Convention (14);

b. Parliamentary documentation: guidelines on good practice and bilateral cooperation under the Convention (1); Protocol on strategic environmental assessment (1); report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (8); report of the Implementation Committee (2); report of the Meeting of the Parties (1); report of the Working Group on the

Convention (2); report on amendments to the Convention (2); report on a database on environmental impact assessment (2); report on public participation in environmental impact assessment (1); report on strengthening cooperation with other ECE conventions (1); report on subregional cooperation (2);

(vi) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meeting of signatories to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (16); meetings of the Parties to the Convention (6); Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms (18); Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (18);

b. Parliamentary documentation: guidance manual on electronic information tools (1); guidelines on measures promoting access to justice (1); guidelines on public participation in international forums (1); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports of the meetings of signatories to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers and any subsidiary bodies (2); draft instrument on genetically modified organisms (1); recommendations of the Compliance Committee (1); review of the implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (1); report on integrated water resources management in the newly independent States (1);

(vii) Ad hoc expert groups: Project Working Group on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Air Pollution Studies Series (2); Water Series (2); Strategies and Policies: summary of the 2004 major review under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: environmental performance reviews (6); implementation guide to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1); publication of the Protocol on civil liability for damage caused by industrial accidents on transboundary waters (1); second edition of implementation guide for the public participation convention (1); the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols (1); Thirty Years of Environmental Cooperation in the ECE Region (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on civil liability for water-related industrial accidents (1); booklet on sustainable water management (1); booklets and fact sheets on activities of the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (2); handbook on public participation in decision-making on genetically modified organisms (1); layperson's guide to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1);

(iv) Technical material: maintenance of a web site that provides meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme;

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: missions for the preparation of environmental performance reviews for countries in transition (6); missions improving environmental impact assessment capabilities with focus on the needs of countries with economies in transition (2); missions on water issues, in cooperation with the Regional Adviser on Environment (6); missions to countries with economies in transition to facilitate the implementation of the

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (4); missions to countries with economies in transition to implement the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (4); missions to countries with economies in transition to implement the environmental impact assessment convention (4);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: Subregional workshops promoting the implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (4); training courses on transboundary water management for experts from countries with economies in transition (4); training sessions for personnel working as points of contact (Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents) (2); workshop on environmental monitoring and information systems (4); workshop on strengthening cooperation between the environment impact assessment convention and other conventions (1); workshops on good practice under the environment impact assessment convention (2); workshops under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (16); workshops under the industrial accidents convention (2).

Table 20.11 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	6 413.1	6 121.3	30	29
Non-post	102.5	107.6	-	-
Total	**6 515.6**	**6 228.9**	**30**	**29**
Extrabudgetary	8 554.5	7 978.5	-	2

20.30 The decrease in post requirements is due to the redeployment of one P-5 post to the new subprogramme 9, Industrial restructuring and enterprise development. The increase in non-post resources would provide for travel to meetings on the implementation of environmental activities in the ECE region.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,014,000

20.31 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Transport Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 2 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.12 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To ensure the existence of an efficient and well-balanced transport system in the region, with a high level of quality, safety, environmental protection and energy conservation.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) An improved and updated set of ECE legal instruments in the field of transport	(a) Number of new and amended legal instruments and recommendations related to: road traffic safety; road transport; border crossing; road, rail, inland water and combined transport infrastructures; transport of dangerous goods; and transport of perishable foodstuffs *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 30 new and amended legal instruments and recommendations Estimate 2002-2003: 30 new and amended legal instruments and recommendations Target 2004-2005: 30 new and amended legal instruments and recommendations
(b) An improved and updated set of vehicle regulations, including global regulations	(b) (i) Number of new and amended vehicle regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 69 new and amended vehicle regulations Estimate 2002-2003: 60 new and amended vehicle regulations Target 2004-2005: 60 new and amended vehicle regulations (ii) Number of new vehicle construction regulations annexed to the 1998 Agreement *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 2 new vehicle construction regulations

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(c) Greater implementation of ECE legal instruments in the field of transport	(c) Number of contracting parties to main ECE legal instruments on transport *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 50 new contracting parties Estimate 2002-2003: 35 new contracting parties Target 2004-2005: 20 new contracting parties
(d) Improved awareness of the role of transport, in particular, transport infrastructure, in enhancing trade and development in ECE member countries in South-East Europe and Central Asia	(d) Establishment of new meetings or agenda items on existing meetings that relate to the role of transport in enhancing trade and development *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 2
(e) An improved and updated set of United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of classification and Labelling of Chemicals	(e) Number of amendments to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 2 sets of amendments Estimate 2002-2003: 2 sets of amendments Target 2004-2005: 3 sets of amendments

External factors

20.32 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) consensus can be achieved among the various interested parties in the updating of existing legal instruments and in the development of new ones; (b) the political will exists to ratify or accede to legal instruments; (c) Governments and parliaments decide to establish, implement and enforce related national legislation; (d) there is a stable political climate in member countries enabling the extension of networks and the facilitation of border crossings; (e) sufficient national funding is available to implement legal instruments; and (f) adequate voluntary funding is available for infrastructure projects.

Outputs

20.33 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Economic and Social Council Committee, biennial session (5);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on and amendments to the United Nations recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods (140); documents on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (50); report of the session in 2004 (1); report of the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (4); reports of the Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (4); reports of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Committee (1);

(ii) Economic and Social Council Subcommittees: substantive servicing of meetings: Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: four sessions (46); Economic and Social Council Subcommittee on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals: four sessions (20); Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (8); annual session (12); bureau (16); Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (jointly with subprogramme 1, Environment) (4);

(iii) Inland Transport Committee: parliamentary documentation: activities regarding assistance to countries with economies in transition (2); analysis of the transport situation in ECE member countries and emerging development trends (2); draft consolidated resolution on safety in tunnels (1); report of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Rail Tunnels (1); report of the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (1); reports of the Committee's annual sessions, including its work programme (2); reports on other items of the programme of work requested by the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health (4); reports on the status of application of international transport agreements and conventions (2);

(iv) World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party on Noise (20); Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (28); Working Party on General Safety (28); Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (28); Working Party on Passive Safety (28); Working Party on Pollution and Energy (24); World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, including the meetings of the Administrative and Executive Committee of the 1958 and 1997 Agreements and the 1998 Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts, and Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (60);

b. Parliamentary documentation: consolidated resolution on the construction of vehicles (1); documents on amendments to legal instruments on the construction of

motor vehicles (520); report on the status of the 1958 Agreement (6); report on the status of the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections (6); report on the status of the 1998 Global Agreement (6); reports of World Forum sessions, including the reports of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work and the Administrative and Executive Committees of the 1958, 1998 and 1997 Agreements (6); reports of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (4); reports of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (4); reports of the Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (4); reports of the Working Party on Noise (4); reports of the Working Party on Passive Safety (4); reports of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (4);

(v) Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (2); report of its annual sessions (2);

(vi) Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (36); Joint Meeting of the Safety Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) and Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (45); Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Joint Meeting of Experts on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN)) (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the technical annexes of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, RID and ADN, in particular for harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (200); report of Working Party sessions (4); report of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations Annexed to ADN (2); reports of the Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (4);

(vii) Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of annual sessions (2); report on Euro-Asian transport links (1);

(viii) Working Party on Transport Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of its annual sessions (2);

(ix) Working Party on Road Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Ad Hoc Meeting on the Implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (8); sessions of the Working Party on Road Transport (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on the revision of consolidated resolution on the facilitation of international road transport (1); documents on amendments to

the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (2); documents on amendments to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road and the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (2); report of annual sessions (2); reports of the Ad Hoc Meetings on the Implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (2); reports on activities carried out under the trans-European north-south motorway project (2);

(x) Working Party on Road Traffic Safety:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on the Preparation of the Fourth Road Safety Week (4); sessions of the Working Party on Road Traffic (28);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals (2); documents on national legislation in the field of road traffic safety (2); documents on revision of the consolidated resolution on road traffic and road signs and signals (2); report of sessions (4); report of the Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on the Preparation of the Fourth Road Safety Week (1);

(xi) Working Party on Rail Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party on Rail Transport (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (4); reports of annual sessions (2); reports on activities carried out under the trans-European railway project (2);

(xii) Working Party on Inland Water Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (12); sessions of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on amendments to the Agreement (2); report of Working Party sessions (2); reports of the Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (2); reports of the Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements (4);

(xiii) Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (48); Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers (4); Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (4); Administrative Committee for the Convention on International Road Transport (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on the preparation of a new ECE Convention on International Customs Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail (1); report of sessions (6); report of the Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers (1); report of the Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization

of Frontier Controls of Goods (1); report on legal and technical implications of the ECE Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers used in International Transport (1); reports of the Administrative Committee for the international road transport convention (4); reports of the meetings of the international road transport Executive Board (8);

(xiv) Working Party on Combined Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on amendments to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (2); report of its sessions (4);

(xv) Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation: substantive servicing of meetings (20); provision of assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Project Working Group on Transport Infrastructure and Border Crossing Facilitation of the Special Programme for the economies of Central Asia (4);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe* (2); *European Agreement concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)* (1); *European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN)* (1); Inventory of Existing *European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) Standards and Parameters; Inventory of Existing European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC)* Standards and Parameters (1); map of E-Road Network (1); map of European Railways Network (1); map of combined transport network revision (1); recommendations on technical requirements for inland navigation (1); Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe (2); *TIR* (international road transport) *Handbook* (1); United Nations recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods (model regulations) (1); United Nations recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, tests and criteria (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: 2000 E-Road Census (Internet application) (1); *Agreement on the Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (ATP)* (1); *ATP Handbook* (1); *Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals* (1); inventory of main standards and parameters of the European Waterways Network (1); map of European inland waterways (1); Recommendations on Safety in Rail Tunnels (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: publication of information material, such as the Inland Transport Committee Directory and Main Transport Indicators (6);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases (14);

(v) Technical material: update of databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment (1); updating and maintenance of the web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (1); vehicle regulations and their amendments (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: workshops on topics to be selected in the following areas: the contribution of transport to trade and development in the ECE region; and trade and infrastructure-related transport issues in post-enlargement Europe (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: although most of the technical cooperation activities will be carried out by the regional advisers under another section of the budget, some linkages will have to be established with the regular programme, including concerning the transport of dangerous goods and the global harmonization of systems of classification and labelling of chemicals, requiring participation of regular staff members of the secretariat;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminars on selected aspects relating to transport, including under the trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) and trans-European railway projects, to train some 300 officials (8);

(iii) Field projects: within the framework of this project, ECE, in close cooperation with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will focus on assisting Eastern and South-East European, Caucasus and Central Asian member countries in the promotion and development of Euro-Asian transport links; ECE is the executing agency for the trans-European motorway project, which will continue to assist its member countries in accelerating the construction of the trans-European motorway network through: (a) the identification of investment needs and priorities, investigation of the financial resources needed for its construction and determination of appropriate payback systems; (b) assistance in the designing, building, maintaining, operating and administering the trans-European motorway network on the territories of participating countries as part of an integrated European transport infrastructure; (c) paying special attention, in view of present economic constraints, to the upgrading of existing roads and to the staged construction of motorways; (d) promoting and improving cooperation in all matters concerning road transport between trans-European motorway countries with different levels of development; and (e) disseminating the knowledge, expertise and know-how developed so far in the trans-European motorway region to other regions of the world. The project is financed through a Trust Fund Agreement; the trans-European railway project will continue to examine infrastructural and organizational problems in the rail sector, as well as possibilities for the improvement of the current situation in rail transport in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe through investment and organizational measures. This will include consideration of combined transport, border crossing and train path allocation. ECE serves as the executing agency for the project, which is financed through a Trust Fund Agreement.

Table 20.13 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	6 572.9	6 825.1	33	34
Non-post	213.3	188.9	-	-
Total	**6 786.2**	**7 014.0**	**33**	**34**
Extrabudgetary	2 109.9	2 753.9	-	-

20.34 The increase under posts is the net result of the establishment in 2004-2005 of one new P-4 post to provide secretariat and expert support to meetings of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and also to maintain and update the Compendium of Candidate Regulations for Harmonization and Registry for Global Regulations, and of the delayed impact of the P-4 post established in the biennium 2002-2003. The decrease in non-post resources is owing to reduced requirements under general temporary assistance, consultancy and external translation and printing, partly offset by an increase under travel of staff.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,932,300

20.35 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Statistical Division and steered by the Conference of European Statisticians under the joint auspices of ECE and the United Nations Statistical Commission. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 3 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.14 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: The objective is to increase the level of coordination of international statistical work across the region and to achieve more effective use of national accounts and social indicators for the policy needs of countries with economies in transition through the timely presentation of statistics.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved functioning of the Conference of European Statisticians in order to better coordinate and adapt to new needs arising out of transition, European Union-enlargement and other challenges	(a) (i) Percentage of countries represented by chief statisticians at the annual plenary sessions of the Conference *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 70 per cent Estimate 2002-2003: 70 per cent Target 2004-2005: 70 per cent (ii) Percentage of joint activities with Eurostat and/or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in the work programme of the Conference *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 40 per cent Estimate 2002-2003: 60 per cent Target 2004-2005: 60 per cent

(b) Increased capacity in assessing progress in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, covering also sustainable development and gender-related issues	(b) (i) Level of satisfaction of the statistical offices of member States that ECE has increased their capacity to produce statistical data related to the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable Target 2004-2005: 65 per cent (ii) Proportion of sex-disaggregated time series collected and disseminated through the web sites *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 70 per cent Target 2004-2005: 70 per cent
(c) Increased understanding by countries with economies in transition of: (i) statistical standards and methods in the fields of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics; and (ii) good practices of statistical information processing and other management issues	(c) (i) Satisfaction expressed by participants in workshops, seminars and special sessions focused on statistical systems of countries with economies in transition, that they have increased their understanding of statistical standards and methods in the fields of economic, social, demographic and environmental statistics *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 70 per cent (ii) Satisfaction expressed by participants in workshops, seminars and special sessions focused on statistical systems of countries with economies in transition, that they have increased their understanding of good practices of statistical information processing and other management issues

		Performance measures: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 70 per cent
(d) Improved availability of essential economic and social statistics on the ECE region to users in the ECE secretariat, ECE member States and international organizations and other users	(d)	(i) Level of satisfaction expressed by data users with the availability of essential economic and social statistics on the ECE region *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 70 per cent (ii) Number of statistical products made available on the Internet *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 2 products Estimate 2002-2003: 2 products Target 2004-2005: 3 products

External factors

20.36 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is a willingness to cooperate on the part of international statistical agencies active in the ECE region, in particular OECD, Eurostat, the International Monetary Fund and the Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), as well as on the part of the national statistical offices of ECE member countries; (b) data needed for the ECE statistical database are made available by the national statistical agencies and by Eurostat, OECD and CIS-STAT; (c) extrabudgetary resources are available in order to provide technical assistance for the national statistical offices of countries with economies in transition; and (d) the technological infrastructure is sufficiently scaled to support activities related to databases and web dissemination.

Outputs

20.37 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Conference of European Statisticians:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of economic statistics (29); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of environment statistics and methodology (6); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of social and demographic statistics (29); ad hoc intergovernmental

meetings in the field of statistical information technology and other cross-cutting issues (46); annual sessions (10); meetings of the Bureau of the Conference (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: papers for intergovernmental meetings on social and demographic statistics (7); papers for intergovernmental meetings on economic statistics (10); papers for intergovernmental meetings on environment statistics and methodology (1); papers for intergovernmental meetings on statistical information technology and other cross-cutting issues (5); papers for the coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region (45); papers on policy issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (20); papers on substantive issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (15); report of the annual session (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *European Comparison Programme* (2); *Statistical Journal of the United Nations/ECE* (8); *Trends in Europe and North America: Statistical Yearbook of the ECE* (1); *World Robotics* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Good Practices on Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics* (1); methodological materials (2); *Women and Men in Europe and North America* (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: Mini Trends (1); Mini Women and Men (1);

(iv) Technical material: maintenance of web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (1); updated ECE macroeconomic database; updated web-based database entitled "Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work Programmes in the ECE region" (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: ad hoc consultations with experts in national statistical offices on their compilation of statistical data needed for ECE analytical and publication purposes; advisory missions in selected countries with economies in transition to provide technical expertise in the field of statistical legislation; advisory missions to provide technical expertise in the field of economic, social, demographic statistics in the framework of various projects organized by the United Nations, United Nations agencies and other partner organizations;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings, training workshops and seminars in regional statistical projects funded by the United Nations Development Programme, and the documentation prepared for those purposes; training workshops focused on Commonwealth of Independent States countries and other countries with economies in transition, organized back-to-back with the intergovernmental meetings, in the field of economic, social and demographic statistics and the statistical information technology.

Table 20.15 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2002-2003	2004-2005 (before recosting)	Posts 2002-2003	2004-2005
Regular budget				
Post	6 675.1	6 828.9	35	35
Non-post	107.7	103.4	-	-
Total	**6 782.8**	**6 932.3**	**35**	**35**
Extrabudgetary	448.0	450.0	-	-

20.38 The increase under posts is due to the delayed impact of the two P-2 posts established in the biennium 2002-2003. The decrease in non-post resources is owing to reduced requirements under consultants and experts.

Subprogramme 4
Economic analysis

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,289,000

20.39 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Economic Analysis Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 4 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.16 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: The objective is to increase the contribution of ECE to economic integration and mutual understanding among countries of the ECE region on complex economic problems and policies.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Analyses of economic developments and problems in the ECE region	(a) (i) Demand for ECE economic analyses, as measured by the sale of the *Economic Survey of Europe* *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 1,155 copies of the *Survey* sold Estimate 2002-2003: 1,200 copies of the *Survey* sold Target 2004-2005: 1,200 copies of the *Survey* sold

	(ii) Number of downloads of substantive documents posted on the Internet *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 10,000 Target 2004-2005: 11,000
(b) Opportunities for economic discussion and policy debates between Governments, academics, United Nations and other organizations, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations	(b) Satisfied participants at economic discussion and policy debates organized by the Economic Analysis Division *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: > 65 per cent of participants satisfied Target 2004-2005: > 65 per cent of participants satisfied
(c) Increased exchange of experience, including best practices, on population-related issues, including ageing, intergenerational solidarity and gender concerns	(c) Participants satisfied with the exchange of experiences on population-related issues organized by the Population Activities Unit *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: > 65 per cent of participants satisfied Target 2004-2005: > 65 per cent of participants satisfied

External factors

20.40 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) data are available from national and international sources; and (b) extrabudgetary resources are available for the population analysis.

Outputs

20.41 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Council: parliamentary documentation: summary of *Economic Survey of Europe*, No.1 (2);

(ii) Economic Commission for Europe:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: spring seminar on economic developments in the ECE region (4); meetings on the follow-up to the Ministerial Conference on Ageing, held in Berlin in 2002 (1); plenary sessions (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background paper for a meeting on the follow-up to the Berlin Ministerial Conference on Ageing (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Economic Survey of Europe* (4); sustainable development in ECE (with the support of other subprogrammes) (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: best practices on ageing policies (1); studies on gender and intergenerational relationships (2); studies and country profiles on older persons (2); working paper (or occasional paper) series on selected economic and social development issues (4);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: announcements of major publications, as well as special events, such as seminars (10);

(iv) Technical material: demographic database on European countries (1); maintenance of web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities (1); substantive paper for the Economic Forum of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget): field projects: follow-up to the International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia; Generations and Gender Programme: meetings of the Generations and Gender Programme's Informal Working Group (8); microdata census samples project: meetings on the standardization of census microdata samples (2).

Table 20.17 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	5 137.7	5 137.7	24	24
Non-post	159.2	151.3	-	-
Total	**5 296.9**	**5 289.0**	**24**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	712.3	761.9	-	-

20.42 The decrease in non-post resources is the net result of an increase under consultants and experts, a decrease under contractual services and a decrease under supplies and materials, owing to redeployment to programme support of the provision for subscriptions through the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Consortium that are shared with other subprogrammes and centrally managed by the Executive Office.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,086,700

20.43 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Sustainable Energy Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 5 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.18 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To aid ECE countries in overcoming two fundamental challenges in the field of energy: (a) the transition to a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy; and (b) the fuller integration of the energy economies and energy infrastructure of countries in the region.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Progress in addressing sustainable energy development issues, in particular environmental improvement, and in understanding energy efficiency in economies in transition	(a) (i) Degree of participation of countries in ECE activities (meetings, workshops, studies) on sustainable energy, environmental improvement and financing of pilot energy efficiency investments measured by the number of web site visits per year accessing Committee on Sustainable Energy documents and studies *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 12,348 web site visits per year Estimate 2002-2003: 14,580 web site visits per year Target 2004-2005: 15,000 web site visits per year (ii) Degree of participation of countries in ECE activities (meetings, workshops, studies) on sustainable energy, environmental improvement and financing of pilot energy efficiency investments measured by the number of pilot energy efficiency investment projects related to the subprogramme financed in economies in transition

	Performance measures: 2000-2001: 0 investment projects Estimate 2002-2003: 3 investment projects Target 2004-2005: 6 investment projects
(b) Greater integration of the energy economies and energy networks of ECE countries	(b) Contribution of ECE studies, technical assistance and training sessions to enhancing energy systems restructuring, reforms and energy trade and investment, as indicated by countries of the region measured by the number of studies undertaken with the assistance of national experts *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 3 studies Estimate 2002-2003: 5 studies Target 2004-2005: 6 studies
(c) Further extension and implementation to oil, gas and uranium sectors of the United Nations Framework Classification for Reserves and Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities.	(c) (i) Number of countries extending application of the United Nations Framework Classification to oil, gas and uranium *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 20 countries (ii) Acceptance by mineral, energy and banking institutions and associations *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: 2 banking institutions

External factors

20.44 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) resources are available to the countries with economies in transition; (b) there is political willingness on the part of countries to apply ECE recommendations; and (c) the countries with economies in transition develop the capacity to reorient their institutional set-up and behaviour towards those of a market economy.

Outputs

20.45 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Sustainable Energy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal in Sustainable Development (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (8); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Energy Reserves and Resources (12); annual session (12); meetings of the Bureau (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual session (2); report on clean coal technology development in countries with economies in transition (1); report on energy security in liberalized energy markets in the ECE region (1); report on reducing carbon emissions and air pollution from coal burning in non-power energy markets (1); report on reforming energy prices for sustainable energy development (jointly with subprogramme on environmental policy) (1); report on regional initiatives for sustainable energy development: follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (1); report on social and economic consequences of restructuring and privatization of coal industry and thermal power (1); report on sustainable energy strategies, policies and options for ECE countries (1);

(ii) Working Party on Gas:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions (12 meetings); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply and Use of Gas (8 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation: assessment of natural gas resources, including geological and geophysical methods of prospecting for natural gas (1); developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks (1); economic reforms and restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe and their implications and significance for gas markets and the gas industry (1); report on construction, management and maintenance of gas transportation systems (1);

(iii) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session (16 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on energy efficiency financing (2); reports on energy efficiency investments (2); reports on energy efficiency policies (2);

(iv) Advisory Board of the Gas Centre:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Implementation of the European Union Gas Directive (12 meetings); Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Security of Natural Gas Supplies (24 meetings); annual session (4 meetings); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Database (12 meetings); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Strategic Issues-Gas Transportation (12 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on the status of the Gas Centre Project (2); reports from workshops and high-level conferences (2);

(v) Ad hoc expert groups: Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia Project Working Group on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (in consultation with ESCAP and jointly undertaken with subprogramme 1, Environment) (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: energy efficiency investment strategies in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (1); energy efficiency and energy security in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (1); financing sustainable energy developments through energy efficiency improvements (1); proceedings from Gas Centre High-Level Meeting — ECE Gas Centre series (2); restructuring of the gas industry — ECE Gas Centre series (2); sustainable energy strategies and policy reforms for investments (1); United Nations framework classification for world energy reserves/resources survey (1),

(ii) Press releases, press conferences: press releases on energy studies and seminars (8);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme;

(iv) Seminars for outside users: workshops on: (a) the energy sector restructuring in economies in transition and (b) legal, regulatory and the social dimension of energy price reforms in countries with economies in transition (2); workshops and seminars on topics to be selected in the following areas: sustainable energy development and energy issues in post-enlargement Europe (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: missions on development of financing mechanisms for energy efficiency projects; establishment of energy efficiency demonstration zones (6); Gas Centre: missions aimed at giving assistance to the gas industry in countries with economies in transition in setting market-oriented legal and regulatory frameworks; development of gas policy and pricing instruments; establishment of sound investment promotion policies; international harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks (2);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: symposium on energy efficiency policies in the context of sustainable energy development in the ECE region (2); Energy Efficiency 21 Project: workshop on business planning and financial engineering for energy efficiency investment projects (1); seminars and workshops on energy reforms in the transition of Central and East European member States (4);

(iii) Field projects: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: development of investment projects in energy efficiency demonstration zones in selected cities of Central and East European ECE member States to be financed through World Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development-based loans.

Table 20.19 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	2 039.3	2 039.3	9	9
Non-post	57.4	47.4	-	-
Total	**2 096.7**	**2 086.7**	**9**	**9**
Extrabudgetary	1 698.7	1 149.8	2	2

20.46 The decrease in non-post resources is due to reduced requirements under travel of staff.

Subprogramme 6
Trade development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,795,900

20.47 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Trade Development and Timber Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 6 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.20 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To facilitate and develop the infrastructure for international trade in terms of trade-related norms, standards, tools and policy recommendations; to reduce the main internal and external obstacles to trade and economic cooperation in the ECE region; and to further the integration of countries with economies in transition into the global economy.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Agreement by member States on simpler and more effective trade practices and procedures	(a) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations on trade facilitation and e-business adopted by countries *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 7 Estimate 2002-2003: 3 Target 2004-2005: 6

(b) Implementation of recommendations on trade facilitation and e-business	(b) The extent to which the ECE recommendations on trade facilitation and e-business are implemented in the countries *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined Target 2004-2005: to be determined
(c) Enhanced policy dialogue on practices and regulatory frameworks for trade cooperation; trade and environment; and trade facilitation and security	(c) (i) Strengthened participation of member States in terms of the number of participants and their level of authority in policy dialogue on issues related to development of trade *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 529 participants Estimate 2002-2003: 600 participants Target 2004-2005: 650 participants (ii) Number and scope of policy conclusions reached at the policy segment of the annual sessions of the Committee *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 1 set of policy conclusions reached at the policy segment of the annual sessions of the Committee Estimate 2002-2003: 2 sets of policy conclusions reached at the policy segment of the annual sessions of the Committee Target 2004-2005: 2 sets of policy conclusions reached at the policy segment of the annual sessions of the Committee

(d) New and updated international standards and recommendations on agricultural produce in accordance with World Trade Organization regulations	(d) Number of agreed new or revised international standards and recommendations on agricultural produce *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 21 agreed new or revised international standards and recommendations on agricultural produce Estimate 2002-2003: 20 agreed new or revised international standards and recommendations on agricultural produce Target 2004-2005: 18 agreed new or revised international standards and recommendations on agricultural produce

External factors

20.48 The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by significant external factors, such as: (a) the political will and cooperation of Governments and international organizations; (b) the availability and provision of information by ECE member States; (c) the participation of specialists and their ability to obtain funding for attendance at ECE technical meetings; and (d) the ability of low-income countries with economies in transition to obtain funding for participating in the work.

Outputs

20.49 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session (10); bureau Meetings of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background documents for the Committee's round table (2); report of the annual session (2); reports on topics selected by the Bureau of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (2);

(ii) Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Working Party (10); meetings of the ad hoc group of experts on regulatory techniques mandated by the Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Working Party ad hoc group of experts on regulatory techniques (2); report of the annual session (2); reports on national implementation and standardization issues affecting international trade (10); reports on topics to be selected by the Bureau of the Working Party (4);

(iii) Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Working Party (8); specialized section of the Working Party on coordination of fresh fruit and vegetables (12); specialized section of the Working Party on standardization of dry and dried fruit (12); specialized section of the Working Party on standardization of early and ware potatoes (4); specialized section of the Working Party on standardization of seed (12); specialized section of the Working Party on standardization of meat (porcine, bovine and poultry) (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on new standards and on amendments to existing standards (72); report of the annual session (2); reports from the specialized sections of the Working Party (9); reports on topics to be selected by the Bureau of the Working Party (4);

(iv) Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (CEFACT):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session (16); CEFACT Steering Group meetings (50); meetings of groups of experts mandated by CEFACT (84);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of CEFACT groups of experts (10); report of the CEFACT Steering Group (2); report of the annual session (2); reports on topics or issues selected by the Steering Group (4);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Compendium of Best Practices for International Trade and Business (CD-ROM); ECE Standards for Dry and Dried Fruit (revision) (1); ECE Standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (revision) (1); ECE Standards for Seed Potatoes (revision); Trade Data Elements Directory (1); Trade Development Directory (2); Trade Data Interchange Directory, also known as United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT) (4); United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (LOCODE) (4);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: colour charts for dry and dried produce (1); guide and formal recommendations on trade facilitation benchmarking (1); guide on regulatory issues (1); legal aspects of trade facilitation (1); recommendations regarding visa requirements for international truck drivers (1); reports on sustainable trade development issues in the Russian forest sector (2); revised recommendation 12 on measures to facilitate maritime transport documents (1); revised ECE standard for bovine carcasses and cuts (1); revised ECE standard for porcine carcasses and cuts (1); single window trade facilitation recommendation; trade facilitation compendium (revision) (1); Trade Policy series covering the following: 1) integration of transition and emerging market economies of the region into the global market; 2) trade and sustainable development in the region; 3) security and trade facilitation; 4) information and communications technologies in trade (4); ECE experience using the World Bank Trade Facilitation Audit Methodology (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on the work done by CEFACT to support the use of electronic business and trading by small and medium-sized enterprises and countries with economies in transition (1); booklet on the work done in the ECE Agricultural Unit to promote international harmonization (1); information bulletins for the multiplier points (6); information brochure on trade facilitation and EDIFACT (1); information brochure on Working Party 6 on Technical Harmonization and Standardization and its activities (1); information folder on the work of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (1);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications. These will highlight major developments in trade facilitation, trade, investment and promotion, and standardization issues, as well as meetings and special events (seminars, exhibitions, etc.) liable to attract the attention of the general public (24);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of the Multiplier Point Network Internet Site (2); maintenance of a web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (1); ECE recommended codelists in XML format on the Internet (1); United Nations electronic trade documents (1); web services for integration of ECE recommended codelists into external software applications (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise development forums on trade, industry and enterprise development issues (2); conferences on trade facilitation and electronic business (2); interregional seminar to promote agricultural quality standards (1); seminar or workshop on trade policy issues (1); seminars on technical harmonization and conformity assessment issues (2); workshop on trade cooperation in European Union post-enlargement (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): training courses, seminars and workshops: regional seminar to promote agricultural quality standards in South-East Europe and Central Asia; seminars on trade issues in transition economies, including transit and visa regimes (2); seminars on sustainable development of trade in the biomass sector in selected countries with economies in transition (2); workshop on standards and regulatory practices; workshop on trade facilitation and security in international trade; workshops on timber port logistics (2); workshops on trade and sustainable forest management (4).

Table 20.21 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	5 698.5	4 683.5	28	23
Non-post	135.8	112.4	-	-
Total	**5 834.3**	**4 795.9**	**28**	**23**
Extrabudgetary	1 502.0	1 074.5	1	1

20.50 The decrease under posts is the net result of the redeployment of five posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 2 General Service (Other level)) to subprogramme 9, Industrial restructuring and enterprise development, and the reclassification from the P-3 to the P-4 level of the post dealing with agricultural standards. The decrease in non-post resources is due to the redeployment to subprogramme 9 of the parts of the consultancy, travel and external printing budgets relating to industrial restructuring and enterprise development.

Subprogramme 7
Timber

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,290,000

20.51 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Timber Branch of the Trade Development and Timber Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 7 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.22 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To achieve forest management in the countries of the region that is truly sustainable from the economic, social and environmental point of view, from the individual forest unit to the national level and above, and to ensure appropriate measurement of that progress.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Better understanding of the situation, outlook and policy issues of the forest and timber sector	(a) Satisfaction of policy makers regarding the information and analyses provided by ECE on the situation, outlook and policy issues of the forest and timber sector *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: level of satisfaction on a scale from 1 to 10: 7 Target 2004-2005: level of satisfaction on a scale from 1 to 10: 7
(b) More in-depth exchange of policy-relevant experience on topical issues, including a gender perspective	(b) Positive evaluation by participants in sessions, seminars and workshops in terms of policy dialogue and exchange of experience, ascertained by systematic surveys of participants *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 80 per cent satisfied participants Target 2004-2005: 90 per cent satisfied participants

(c) Improved availability of data on indicators of sustainable forest management in the region	(c) Use of data on indicators, as measured by web site downloads *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 10,500 downloads Estimate 2002-2003: 10,500 downloads Target 2004-2005: 11,000 downloads

External factors

20.52 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that there will be: (a) continued active country participation (attending meetings, contributing to teams of specialists, providing data or reports etc.); and (b) continued partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), including provision of staff and non-staff resources to implement, with ECE, the integrated ECE/FAO programme in this field.

Outputs

20.53 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) ECE — Timber Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual bureau meetings (6); annual session: (12); joint session of ECE Timber Committee with the FAO European Forestry Commission (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: annual report on a special topic to be identified (2); annual session report, including the programme of work (2); substantive reports on market conditions for forest products (2); substantive reports on support to the international forest dialogue (2);

(ii) Joint FAO/ECE/International Labour Organization (ILO) Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: session report including the programme of work (1); substantive report on forest management issues (1); substantive report on forest technology issues (1); substantive report on training and social issues (1);

(iii) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (10); 2003 session of the Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (5);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the annual session, including the programme of work (2); substantive report on forest resource information (2); substantive report on markets and statistics (2); substantive report on the sector outlook study (2);

(iv) Parliamentary documentation: substantive report on a special topic to be identified for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1); substantive report on emerging policy issues for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1); substantive report on recent policy developments for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *International Forest Fire News* (4); *Timber Bulletin*, 6 issues annually, as follows: forest products annual market review, forest products statistics, forest products prices, forest products trade flows, outlook for forest products markets, forest fire statistics (12); *Timber Committee Yearbook* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Geneva timber and forest discussion papers (6); Study papers on forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment (4);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: press releases according to the calendar of events and publications (8);

(iv) Technical material: database on forest products production, consumption and trade (1); database on forest resources (1); database on forestry assistance to countries with economies in transition (1); maintenance of a web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the timber subprogramme (1);

(v) Seminars for outside users: seminars on topics to be determined by the ECE Timber Committee (2); seminars and workshops on forest technology, management and training (precise topics to be identified by the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee) (4);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget): training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops on sector issues, including capacity-building, marketing, certification, with emphasis on transition issues, topics to be determined by the Timber Committee.

Table 20.23 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	1 254.0	1 254.0	6	6
Non-post	46.6	36.0	-	-
Total	**1 300.6**	**1 290.0**	**6**	**6**
Extrabudgetary	59.8	62.2	-	-

20.54 The decrease in non-post resources is due to reduced requirement under travel of staff and to reduced requirements under contractual services (external printing), as the Commission expects to use the facilities of the United Nations Office at Geneva for the publications of the subprogramme in the biennium 2004-2005.

Subprogramme 8
Human settlements

Resource requirements (before recosting): $584,700

20.55 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Environment and Human Settlements Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 8 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Table 20.24 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To improve the quality of life in human settlements, to facilitate social cohesion and security, and to strengthen the capacity-building process in countries with economies in transition.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Implementation of ECE policy guidelines and recommendations on reforms in the housing sector, also in regard to the ageing population and increased awareness of gender perspectives	(a) Steps taken towards the implementation of the recommendations on reforming the housing sector, including those with a gender dimension *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 3 areas (in total) in which three Governments have implemented recommendations Target 2004-2005: 9 areas (in total) in which three Governments have implemented recommendations
(b) Further development and reforms in land administration	(b) Steps taken towards the implementation of recommendations on modernization and improvements in land administration systems adopted by countries *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable Target 2004-2005: 5 areas (in total) in which three Governments have implemented the recommendations

(c) Improved policy formulation and governance of housing and land administration in countries, including promoting a better defined role for municipalities	(c) (i) Number of high-level delegates participating in ECE meetings in the area of governance and policy development for housing and land administration *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 20 high-level delegates attending the annual Committee session Target 2004-2005: 20 high-level delegates attending the annual Committee session (ii) Number and scope of agreed solid policy conclusions reached at the annual sessions of the Committee on Human Settlements *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 2 sets of policy conclusions Target 2004-2005: 2 sets of policy conclusions

External factors

20.56 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) national statistical data and information are available and provided on the situation in the field of human settlements development and land administration, in particular for preparation of studies of country profiles on the housing sector in countries with economies in transition and development of the human settlement statistics database; (b) financial resources are available to countries with economies in transition; and (c) there is the political will and adequate institutional set-up to implement ECE recommendations.

Outputs

20.57 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) ECE — Committee on Human Settlements:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session (10); meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Human Settlements (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background paper for the Committee's in-depth discussions (2); other reports requested by the Committee (8); report of annual session of the Committee on Human Settlements (2);

(ii) ECE — Working Party on Land Administration:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session (4); joint meeting of the Working Party on Land Administration and the Real Estate Advisory Group (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background paper for Working Party's in-depth discussions (2); other reports requested by the Working Party (4); report of the session of the Working Party on Land Administration (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America* (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: country profiles on the housing sector (3); Human Settlements Trends in the ECE Region (1); guidelines on social housing (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: fact-finding and advisory missions in preparation for and follow-up to the national housing profiles (9 missions), on land administration (2 missions) and on housing and spatial planning (2 missions);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops and seminars on housing, land administration and spatial planning (6).

Table 20.25 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	526.4	572.2	3	3
Non-post	21.5	12.5	-	-
Total	**547.9**	**584.7**	**3**	**3**
Extrabudgetary	179.7	134.5	-	-

20.58 The increase under posts is owing to the reclassification from the P-3 to the P-4 level of the post of the secretary to the Committee on Human Settlements, who also assumes the full responsibility of servicing the Working Party on Land Administration. The decrease in non-post resources is due to reduced requirements under consultancy and travel of staff.

Subprogramme 9
Industrial restructuring and enterprise development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,510,100

20.59 The work under this newly established subprogramme will be carried out by the Industrial Restructuring, Energy and Enterprise Development Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 9 of programme 16 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. Resources are drawn mainly by redeployment from existing subprogramme 6 and, to a lesser extent, from subprogramme 1.

Table 20.26 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To create an enabling environment for the formation and evolution of private enterprise and entrepreneurial activities; to increase the competitiveness of enterprises; and to ensure the sustainability of industrial development, including knowledge-based industries, in countries with economies in transition.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Enhanced policy dialogue on industrial restructuring and modernization, and investment mobilization	(a) Number and level of participants who are in a position to engage in policy dialogue on the issues addressed and to contribute to the implementation of policy conclusions resulting from this dialogue (total number of delegations having a member at the director level) *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 19 delegations Estimate 2002-2003: 20 delegations Target 2004-2005: 22 delegations
(b) Exchange of information and experiences on ways and means for promoting investment through (i) public-private partnerships; (ii) land for development; (iii) innovation; and (iv) good corporate governance	(b) (i) Number of countries participating in the exchange of information and experiences on public-private partnerships *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 17 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 17 countries Target 2004-2005: 28 countries (ii) Number of countries participating in the exchange of information and experiences on land for development *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 13 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 15 countries Target 2004-2005: 20 countries (iii) Number of countries participating in the exchange of information and experiences on innovation through valuation of intellectual property rights

	Performance measures: 2000-2001: 21 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 22 countries Target 2004-2005: 25 countries (iv) Number of countries participating in the exchange of information and experiences on good corporate governance *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: not applicable Target 2004-2005: 15 countries
(c) Implementation of policies and measures by countries with economies in transition in favour of the creation and development of small and medium-sized enterprises, including women and youth entrepreneurship	(c) (i) Number of countries participating in events organized to assist Governments in implementing policies and measures in support of small and medium-sized enterprises *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 29 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 32 countries Target 2004-2005: 34 countries (ii) Number of countries participating in events organized to assist Governments in implementing policies and measures in support of women's entrepreneurship *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: 35 countries Estimate 2002-2003: 35 countries Target 2004-2005: 40 countries (iii) Number of countries participating in events organized to assist Governments in implementing policies and measures in support of youth entrepreneurship

	Performance measures: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 35 countries Target 2004-2005: 40 countries
(d) Improved understanding and dialogue on the knowledge-based development of countries with economies in transition	(d) Number of countries participating in the dialogue and the preparation of knowledge-based development reports *Performance measures*: 2000-2001: not applicable Estimate 2002-2003: 9 countries Target 2004-2005: 12 countries

External factors

20.60 The achievement of the expected accomplishments may be influenced by the following external factors: (a) the political will and cooperation of Governments and international organizations; (b) the availability and provision of information by ECE member States; and (c) availability of extrabudgetary funding.

Outputs

20.61 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Working Party on International, Legal and Commercial Practice:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions (10); meetings of ad hoc groups of experts mandated by the Working Party (26);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of annual session (2); reports from groups of experts mandated by the Working Party (10);

(ii) Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions (8); meetings of groups of experts mandated by the Working Party, covering, for example, industrial restructuring, quality management, entrepreneurship and knowledge-based development (42);

b. Parliamentary documentation: Information document on topics to be selected by the Working Party (2); report of the annual session of the Working Party (2); reports from groups of experts mandated by the Working Party (21);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: best practices in the development of entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises in countries in transition (2); knowledge-based economy report (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: best practices in good corporate governance (1); electronic information communication developments (2); enterprise development in transition economies (CD-ROM publication) (1); real estate markets in transition economies (CD-ROM publication) (1); selected issues relating to industrial restructuring and enterprise development, including women and youth entrepreneurship (2);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on business ethics for small and medium-sized enterprises (1); information brochure on knowledge-based economy development (2);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (10);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of web site providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (1); training module on e-work development (jointly with the European Union Economic Commission) (1); training module on valuation of intellectual property rights (hard copy and/or online) (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: forums, seminars and workshops, including on business-friendly environment and public-private partnerships (mandated by the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice) (4); forums, seminars and workshops, including on corporate governance, restructuring and small and medium-sized enterprises (mandated by the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development) (4);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: consultative visits by the Advisory Group on Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (4); missions to provide advice on matters related to industry and enterprise development, and investment, as well as legal and commercial practice, upon the request of ECE member Governments, contingent upon the availability of resources to cover travel costs (6);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminars on quality management systems and youth entrepreneurship (2); training seminars on electronic information communication (2); workshop on public-private partnerships (1); workshop on e-business (1); workshop on enterprise development (1).

Table 20.27 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 9**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	-	1 462.6	-	7
Non-post	-	47.5	-	-
Total	**-**	**1 510.1**	**-**	**7**
Extrabudgetary	-	241.8	-	-

20.62 The level of resources reflected under posts includes the inward redeployment of five posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 2 General Service (Other level)) from subprogramme 6, the redeployment of one P-5 post from subprogramme 1 and the establishment of one P-3 post. Non-post resources covers provisions for consultancy, travel and supplies and materials. The requirements under consultancy and travel are partly met by redeployments of resources from subprogramme 6.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,615,200

20.63 Programme support comprises the Executive Office, the Information Systems Unit and the Coordination Unit for Operational Activities (Technical Cooperation Management). Services provided under this heading relate to budget and finance, human resources management, general and technical services, conference services, information technology services and coordination of functions for intersectoral and cross-sectoral activities.

Outputs

20.64 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Overall management: coordination of the administrative support, including human resources, financial and budgetary support, and provision of guidance, supervision on the control, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme budget;

(b) General and technical services:

(i) Determination of policy related to information technology strategies and acquisition plans; planning and coordination of informatics and telematic resources; collaborative work with service providers and supervision, monitoring and control of the outsourced information technology operations;

(ii) Project management and establishment of information technology resources, provision of information technology services (Internet and Intranet and groupware applications) to the divisions in support of the substantive programmes to improve cooperation with member States and other international organizations in the area of information, collection, dissemination and communication;

(iii) Acquisition of information technology equipment and other equipment and furniture, materials and supplies. Processing and monitoring communications, correspondence, staff travel; management of office space and archives; and records management;

(iv) Operation and coordination of the Integrated Management Information System-related functions within ECE;

(c) Conference services:

(i) Establishment and management of the ECE programme of meetings, related documentation, facilities and services required in close coordination with Conference Services at Geneva; arrangements for ECE meetings hosted outside Geneva by member Governments; and informal meetings held outside Geneva within the context of the ECE programme of workshops for countries with economies in transition;

(ii) Preparation and organization of the annual session of the Economic Commission for Europe, its quarterly ad hoc informal meetings and required documentation and meetings services;

(iii) Preparation and administration of the programme of publications;

(d) Programme budget and accounts:

(i) Preparation of the biennial programme budgets and financial performance reports in liaison with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts;

(ii) Financial control and certification of all accounts in cooperation with the Financial Resources Management Service at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Administration of technical cooperation activities and extrabudgetary resources;

(e) Human resources management:

(i) Administration of staff, including recruitment, placement and career development, in coordination with the Human Resources Management Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Office of Human Resources Management at Headquarters;

(ii) Identification of staff training needs, including the provision of training to upgrade professional skills and in-house training in computer applications and arrangements for appropriate courses in cooperation with the Staff Development and Learning Service at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Staff-management relations in the context of the ECE Sectoral Assembly and elected staff representatives;

(f) Technical cooperation management:

(i) Provision of support for priority setting of technical cooperation, taking into account the needs and requests for technical assistance in transition economies, particularly South-East Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia;

(ii) Coordination of and support to operational activities undertaken by ECE divisions, including by the regional advisers, based on the above priority setting process;

(iii) Carrying out of regular consultations with subregional country groupings and initiatives in order to respond efficiently to the needs of countries with similar problems and concerns;

(iv) Supporting multisectoral technical assistance programmes in subregions and providing servicing and advice to their governing bodies, such as the Regional Advisory Committee of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia;

(v) Monitoring of the implementation of technical cooperation activities undertaken within the cooperative agreements of ECE and the subregional country groupings and initiatives;

(vi) Evaluation of technical assistance activities in a results-based perspective and ensuring of the exchange of experiences among subprogrammes in this respect;

(vii) Fund-raising in cooperation with ECE divisions and regional advisers;

(viii) Reporting on ECE operational activities to the Commission at its annual sessions.

Table 20.28 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005 (before recosting)*	*2002-2003*	*2004-2005*
Regular budget				
Post	3 246.5	3 395.7	17	18
Non-post	2 031.2	2 219.5	-	-
Total	**5 277.7**	**5 615.2**	**17**	**18**
Extrabudgetary	1 731.1	1 089.2	2	4

20.65 The overall increase in programme support reflects in very large part net additional resources for information and communications technologies-related items. The increase under posts reflects the establishment of a new General Service (Other level) post in lieu of outsourced services for a help desk assistant for the whole Commission previously provided by the International Computing Centre and funded under grants and contributions; and the reclassification from the P-3 to the P-4 level of a post in the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, as the responsibilities of the Unit have been extended. The increase in non-post resources is the net result of a number of increases and decreases under various objects of expenditure, the main increase relating to acquisition and replacement of electronic data-processing equipment ($314,200) and the main decrease relating to reduced requirement under grants and contribution ($156,100).

Table 20.29 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of internal and external oversight bodies and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/7, chap. II)	
The Advisory Committee requested the Commissions, in close consultation with the Director of the Budget Division, to examine how the current presentation of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of section 18 could be modified in the light of the logical framework for the results-based budgeting techniques for the biennium (V.48).	Workshops on results-based budgeting implementation were conducted by the Programme Planning and Budget Division for ECE in June and July 2002. The presentation of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement has consequentially been developed beyond those presented in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 to provide more concrete and specific material which is more susceptible to measurement, as shown by the new performance measures provided.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Regional commissions should exchange information on best practices regarding the preparation, promotion and sales of publications (V.49).	The Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions discussed the matter of publications at their meeting held on 18 July 2002 and exchanged information on how publications are handled in each commission. The total number of ECE publications is being reduced from 284 to 154.
With regard to dissemination of information and communication, the Committee requested the Commission to discuss, in the context of the semi-annual meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the commissions, the feasibility of initiating a project whereby regional United Nations information centres, United Nations Development Programme regional offices and other United Nations system offices could be used as venues to set up videoconferencing facilities for communication between the commissions and member States, or between different United Nations entities (V.50).	The Executive Secretaries discussed the use of videoconferencing at their meeting held on 26 September 2002 for regular consultations among themselves. At the meeting, doubts were expressed about the feasibility of organizing such exchanges through videoconferencing owing to local technical problems which did not yet allow for simultaneous connections among the commissions. They did not discuss the feasibility of initiating the referenced project.

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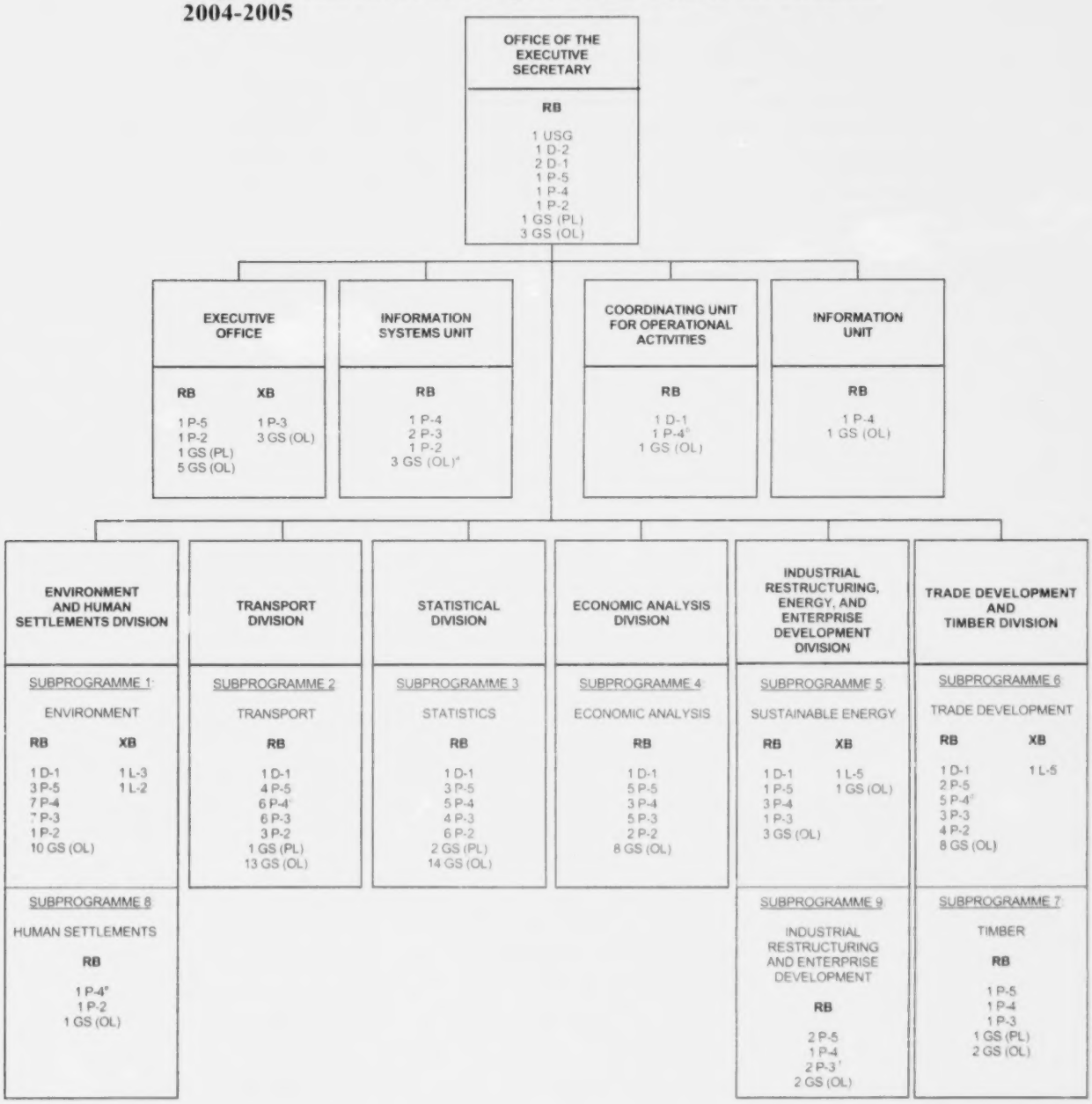
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2004-2005



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary; GS, General Service; PL, Principal level; OL, Other level.

[a] 1 new General Service (Other level) post requested.
[b] 1 upgrade from P-3 to P-4 requested.
[c] 1 new P-4 post requested.
[d] 1 upgrade from P-3 to P-4 requested.
[e] 1 upgrade from P-3 to P-4 requested.
[f] 1 new P-3 post requested.

Annex

Recurrent outputs not to be carried out in the biennium 2004-2005

A/56/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
18.33 (b) (i)	Bulletin of ECE Facts	8	Converted to a web-based product.
18.41 (a) (ii)	Annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation	16	Consolidation of these meetings into an agenda item of the annual session of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project Steering Committee.
18.41 (a) (iii) (a)	Annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Natural Gas Resources	4	Reform of important activity relevant to only a small selection of ECE member States to be consolidated into the annual session of the Working Party on Gas for the redeployment of resources to new sustainable energy activities.
18.41 (a) (v)	Annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power	8	Consolidation with the Group of Experts on Electricity Interconnections to form the new Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal, Thermal Power and Electricity.
18.41(a) (vi)	Annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnection	8	Consolidation with the Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power to form the new Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal, Thermal Power and Electricity.
18.41 (a) (iv) (a)	Annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Strategic Issues-Market Liberalization	12	Reformulation as a new Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the European Union Gas Directive.
18.45 (b) (i)	Explanatory brochures for ECE agricultural standards (printed brochures and CD-ROM)	8	Work was contingent upon obtaining an additional post that was not obtained.
18.45 (b) (i)	Description sheets for potato diseases and parasites	1	These description sheets will no longer be published on a recurrent basis, but will be issued only when accumulated changes are sufficient to justify their publication.
18.45 (b) (i)	Annual report on the trade activities of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development	2	It was agreed that this publication would be discontinued, as the information can be obtained from other sources.
18.45 (b) (i)	CEFACT annual report	2	It was agreed that this publication would be discontinued as the information can be obtained from other sources.
18.45 (b) (i)	Compendium of ECE standards for agricultural produce (CD-ROM publication)	2	This information will be included on a CD-ROM containing a compendium of norms, standards and recommendations created under this subprogramme. The budget only allows for one CD-ROM within the biennium.
18.45 (b) (i)	ECE standards for poultry meat	1	This output will not be published on a recurrent basis, but instead, revisions will be published only when the accumulated changes justify issuance.

A/56/6 paragraph	Output	Quantity	Reason for discontinuation
18.45 (b) (i)	ECE standards for trade and electronic business (Internet publication)	2	All of the standards to be included in this publication are already published separately on the Internet according to the areas to which the standards are applicable.
18.45 (b) (i)	National certification schemes for seed potatoes	1	It was decided that the publishing of this, as well as most other agricultural standards on a recurrent basis should be stopped and that revisions should be published only when the accumulated changes to a standard justify doing so.
Total		75	